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TOPIC Military Information from Koenigsbrueck

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1X

1. Between 22 November and 7 December 1951, the Nachrichtenschule on Hockendorfer Strasse, Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31), was occupied by 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, largely with artillery insignia. Groups of 20 to 30 soldiers practiced with a rocket launcher and portable radio sets and received training in firing with carbines and pistols and rifle drill. Motor vehicles observed at the installation [REDACTED]

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2. Between 22 November and 7 December, the Neues Lager west of the Koenigsbrueck-Schwepnitz highway was occupied by an unidentified unit, allegedly called Kvartira, the personnel of which wore an oval badge on the right breast of their tunics. Two generals were permanently observed with this unit. In all previous years, the unit used to move to Magdeburg from Koenigsbrueck for the summer. In 1951, it returned to Koenigsbrueck between 18 and 24 November. **
3. In early December, source observed that the Altes Lager northwest of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station was used for the storage of fuel. Tank trucks of the units in the Nachrichtenschule and Neues Lager picked up fuel there.
4. Between 3 and 10 December, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the Nachrichtenschule, Koenigsbrueck. Their equipment included 120-mm mortars. About 90 percent of the quarters were lighted at dusk. On 3 December, a march column of 1 officer and 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns left the installation. About 30 soldiers practiced with four 120-mm mortars at the drill ground behind the Nachrichtenschule. On 10 December, 1 officer and 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying submachine guns left the installation. [REDACTED]
5. Between 3 and 10 December, the Altes Lager northwest of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets and was armed with a submachine gun. No movements were observed in or at the installation.

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25X1A * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The mortars mentioned in paragraph 4 only vaguely confirm the 270th Gds Mort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div which is believed to be stationed in the Nachrichtenschule, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ a component of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is still quartered there.

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25X1A ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The unit in the Neues Lager cannot be identified on the basis of the information supplied. The Russian term "Kvartira" and the two generals mentioned in paragraph 2 indicate that a high-echelon headquarters may be stationed there. In view of its movements, the headquarters may be that of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army.

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